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ABSTRACT

In spring 1985, Hartnell College and 10 area public and private high schools in California formed the High School/Hartnell Coordinating Council (HSHCC) to facilitate communication and cooperation between the high schools and the college. During 1985-86, HSHCC undertook the following activities: (1) monthly meetings to address issues of concern to all Salinas Valley educators; (2) the first Salinas Valley College Night, during which representatives from 50 colleges and universities were available to Salinas area high school students; (3) three full-day articulation workshops focusing on mathematics, English, and counseling, during which participants shared information regarding course content, assessment techniques, and counseling; voiced expectations for student performance; and identified mutual professional issues and problems; and (4) articulation events developed by high school and college faculty from the areas of art, business education, English as a second language, science, and social studies. Among the outcomes of these activities were the formation of the Mathematics Council of the Salinas Valley, the development of a course matrix indicating course equivalency in mathematics among schools, the identification of all required literature from grades 9 through 14, the administration of assessment tests by Hartnell personnel in area high schools, and the development of greater understanding and more positive attitudes. Goals for the following year include the continuation of articulation in currently involved disciplines; the expansion of articulation efforts into new areas including social and natural sciences and technology; the coordination of dropout prevention programs in the high schools; and the organization of programs allowing for concurrent enrollment. (EJV)

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1985-86 YEAR-END REPORT

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Palma High School
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Salinas High School

High School/Hartnell Coordinating Council
1985-86 Year-End Report

Background

In Spring, 1985, Hartnell College and ten area public and private high schools formed the High School/Hartnell Coordinating Council. The institutions involved were: Hartnell College, Salinas High School, North Salinas High School, Alisal High School, Mt. Toro High School, Gonzales High School, King City High School, North Monterey County High School, Mission Trails R.O.P., Salinas Adult School, Palma High School, and Notre Dame High School. Council members included superintendents of all local high school districts and the principal of each high school, as well as the president and deans of Hartnell College. Also involved were the directors of the R.O.P. and Adult School. The Council began meeting on a monthly basis in order to establish a means of communication between the various institutions and to address issues of concern to all Salinas Valley educators. Meetings were chaired by Dr. Lawrence Lekander, Superintendent of the Salinas Union High Schoool District.

The Coordinating Council sponsored and organized the first Salinas Valley College Night held in November, 1985 at Hartnell College. Representatives from 50 colleges and universities were available to Salinas area high school students. In addition, student services staff from Hartnell provided workshops on financial aid and transfer opportunities to University of California campuses, California State Universities and private colleges, as well as facilitating a question and answer sessions. Over 1500 students and parents attended this program.

Another priority area identified by council members was the need to coordinate instruction between the high schools and the college in order to provide a smooth transition for transferring students. In September, 1985, council members decided to sponsor three full-day articulation workshops, one

each in the areas of mathematics, English, and counseling. Each high school elected to send one or two representatives to each workshop, and Hartnell College released all full-time faculty in each discipline from other duties to attend the workshops.

Articulation Workshops

The initial three workshops were held in October, 1985. They were coordinated by an administrative intern, however the planning for each workshop was delegated to a committee of faculty members from each discipline, along with the coordinator. The steering committees were given guidance by the Coordinating Council in the respect that the overall goal was that the workshops lead to improved transition for graduating seniors from high school to Hartnell College.

While the agendas for the different workshops varied slightly, all began with a welcoming speech by the President of Hartnell College, Dr. James Hardt, stressing the importance of high schools and community colleges working together. Sessions consisted of both large and small group discussions facilitated by the coordinator and the steering committee members. Morning sessions were dedicated to sharing of information regarding course content, assessment techniques, or counseling in each institution.

Lunch was held in a special meeting room, affording participants an opportunity to talk informally and meet various administrators who attended the luncheon. A tour of the Hartnell College campus after lunch allowed high school instructors to view the facilities. In all three workshops, the afternoon session was designed to allow for sharing of expectations regarding student performance and for planning further activities. The session also included identification of mutual professional issues, problems which existed in the transition of high school students to Hartnell College, and specific recommendations to deal with these issues and problems. In some cases new programs and innovative joint efforts were proposed.

Outcomes

As the initial workshops proved to be a positive experience for those participating, faculty in other disciplines became interested in holding similar meetings. During Fall, 1985 and Spring, 1986 a number of Hartnell/High School faculty articulation events took place. Art instructors held a dinner meeting in the painting studio at the college, and sat in on several classes, as well as touring the facilities and viewing a gallery open house. Business educators held a luncheon which included a display by several Salinas area vendors of office equipment. Faculty in the social and natural sciences held planning meetings to design workshops in their disciplines for the next school year. During the 1985-86 school year, meetings were held in the areas of: English, Math, Counseling, Art, Business Education, ESOL, Science, and Social Studies. Following are specific projects which developed from these meetings:

Math

-Formation of the Mathematics Council of the Salinas Valley
-A course matrix indicating course equivalency among schools
-Hartnell instructor to teach calculus at North Montery High school in Fall, 1986
-Survey of in-service needs of Salinas Valley math teachers
-Plans to provide continuing education courses for all math teachers through the California Math Project
-Development of a "math network" through computer terminals located at each school and linked through the Hartnell mainframe computer
-Implementation of uniform diagnostic testing at member schools

English

-Identification of all required literature grades 9 - 14
-Study of state model curriculum for secondary schools

Counseling

-Publication of a Hartnell newsletter for area high schools
-Field trips to Hartnell from area high schools

-Administration of assessment tests by Hartnell in high schools
-Establishment of Community College Day at North Monterey County High School

ESOL
-Completion of an articulation agreement between Hartnell and the Salinas Adult School
-Adult School to hold an ESOL class on the Hartnell campus in the Fall, 1986

Business Ed.
-Identification of mutual in-service needs
-Formation of sub-committees in the areas of accounting, general business, and secretarial skills.

Art
-Plans to offer Hartnell art courses for high school students on week-ends
-Plans for a joint Hartnell/High School art exhibit in Northridge Mall during the next school year

Science
-Held planning meeting for Science workshop to be held Fall, 1986

Social Science
-Held planning meeting for Social Science workshop to be held Fall, 1986

Language
-French course to be offered by Hartnell on Notre Dame campus in Fall, 1986

All Groups
-More complete knowledge of curriculum and instruction in each others' institutions
-Development of positive attitudes regarding the quality of instruction in each others' institutions
-Creation of a forum to discuss and recommend solutions to problems related to their disciplines

Goals for 1986-87

The Coordinating Council has established the following goals for the upcoming school year:

1) Continuation of articulation in various discipline groups which met in 1985-86;

2) Expansion of articulation efforts into new areas including social and natural sciences and technology;

3) Coordination of dropout prevention programs in the high schools; and

4) Organization of programs allowing for concurrent enrollment of high school students by the high schools and Hartnell College.

ERIC Clearinghouse for Junior Colleges